

**THE RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY  
MEETING OF THE  
DUNKIN' DONUTS CENTER COMMITTEE**

**February 23, 2010**

**A meeting of the Dunkin' Donuts Center Committee of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority (hereinafter referred to as "Authority", the "CCA" or the "Board") was held on February 23, 2010, pursuant to notice, at the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.**

**Board members present were Commissioners, Paul MacDonald, Dale Venturini, Patrick Butler and Jeff Hirsh.**

**Also in attendance were Jim McCarvill and Betty Sullivan, RICCA; Tim Muldoon, Deb Tuton, and Nancy Beauchamp, RICC; Larry Lepore, Robert Cappalli, DDC; Bruce Leach, Legal Council; Paul Grimaldi, Providence Journal and Eileen Smith, recording secretary.**

**Mr. Hirsh called the meeting to order at 2:40 pm.**

**Mr. Hirsh asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Butler and seconded by Mr. MacDonald it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to approve the minutes of the January meeting.**

**Mr. Hirsh asked Mr. Lepore to address the committee. Mr. Lepore reported that January ended ahead of budget and ahead of the prior year. Mr. Lepore stated that this might be the best year that the Dunk has ever had. Mr. Lepore said that this fiscal year we have had Spirit of America and Cirque de Soleil and will be host to the NCAA Tournament and Walking with Dinosaurs. He said that we will have to work very hard to do as well next year. Mr. Lepore noted that attendance at events is down but clearly we are heading in the right direction. Mr. Lepore noted that the P. Bruins continue to market themselves very well. Mr. Butler asked if the Olympics would bring more interest to the Bruins. Mr. Lepore said that the Olympics will spur some interest in skating and if the US wins gold hockey will benefit. Mr. Lepore said that he has spoken to Providence College about using the same approach as the Bruins to attract patrons to the non Big East Games.**

**Mr. Lepore reported that he had been approached about putting a DAS (direct access system) at the Dunkin' Donuts Center. Discussions ensued regarding the possibility of the service. Mr. McCarvill said that we would have legal council look into it. Mr. MacDonald asked how we determine if this is a good deal for the facility. Mr. Butler said that it seems to be a win win for us but we need more details. A motion duly made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Butler it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to ask Mr. Leach to work with Mr. Lepore to investigate the**

**opportunity.**

**Mr. Lepore reported that the Tony Carreira concert is being promoted and advertized in the heavily populated Portuguese communities. Mr. Lepore noted that the Dunk staff has been assisting the Portuguese Festival staff. He said that they are unfamiliar with promoting a performance of this kind. Mr. Lepore said that we will reach out to other ethnic groups to make them aware that the Dunk is a great venue to spotlight talent.**

**Mr. Lepore reported that we have received a great deal of publicity for our recycling program. He said that SMG has adopted the program for other venues. Mr. Butler asked if people are recycling in the seats. Mr. Lepore said that the younger patrons are recycling more. He said that you can tell by the number of water and energy drink bottles that are recycled. Mr. Lepore said that the number of bottles coming off the floor is much lower.**

**Mr. MacDonald noted that in the past the Board was concerned with the quality of food and service in the restaurant. He said that he and his wife had recently attended an event and both the food and the service were excellent.**

**Mr. Hirsh asked if there was any other business. Hearing none he sought a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Butler it was unanimously**

**VOTED: to adjourn at 3:10 p.m.**